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# Media Advisory

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## Media Day at McNary Lock and Dam set for May 3

**WALLA WALLA, Wash.** – Print and broadcast media outlets are invited to participate in a media-access tour of McNary Lock and Dam's facilities on Thursday, May 3. **Pre-registration is required** due to security considerations at the dam.

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers subject-matter experts from the dam, project management officials, fish research coordinators, and state Fish and Wildlife departments will be on hand to discuss several aspects of the Corps' missions and programs. Subject matter experts will discuss McNary's juvenile fish facility, surface bypass structures, the juvenile fish transportation program, adult salmon and steelhead passage, hydropower production, navigation, public recreation facilities, natural resources management, and Corps-sponsored fish research. This is an excellent opportunity for media organizations to update stock photographs and video footage of a variety of Corps-program topics.

McNary Lock and Dam is located approximately 32 miles from Pasco, Wash., and about 43 miles from Pendleton, Ore., both of which have public airports. *Getting there by car:* travel 1 mile east of Umatilla, Ore., on Highway 730, turn north onto McNary Dam Road; located at Columbia River Mile 292, on the south (Oregon side) riverbank.

For reasons of safety equipment planning (some tour stops require special gear) and to establish parking needs and media information kits, media representatives intending to participate in the tour are asked to call the Walla Walla District Public Affairs Office at **(509) 527-7020**, or email to **cenww-pa@usace.army.mil**, **by noon, Tuesday, May 1**. Contact the Walla Walla District Public Affairs Office by phone or email, if you plan to attend. During pre-registration, PAO can provide a road map and detailed event agenda to those who plan to attend.

Participants will meet at McNary's Pacific Salmon Visitor Information Center promptly at 7:45 a.m. for required safety briefings and security registration – there will be no opportunity for late arrivals to catch up to the tour group once inside secure areas of the dam. This is an extensive tour of McNary's facilities and is expected to end not later than 2:30 p.m., but could be done as early as 12:30 p.m., depending on the number of media representatives attending and the length of interviews conducted during the tour.

Media participants are required to wear closed-toe, sturdy, but comfortable, walking shoes (no high heels, sandals, etc. are allowed for safety reasons,) and should plan to dress for weather conditions. Because of most reporters' need to return to their outlets ASAP, reporters should plan to bring a sack lunch for eating while on the tour. Drinking fountains are available only in the visitor center and the north shore fish window area – break opportunities are scheduled for these two locations. Reporters should plan to bring any additional beverage they might want during the day.

The tour will include locations inside the secured areas of the dam (all areas on the tour except the visitor center) – all participants must be U.S. citizens and have U.S.-issued photo identification on their person on arrival at the dam. Non-U.S. citizens and those without identification must outside the secure areas without exception.

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